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Defense
Prisoner Of War /
Missing Personnel
Office

memorandum



Date: 16 March 2009

To: LC

From: RA-SEA/Millner

Subject: Alleged Remains Information Reported by [REDACTED]

1. On 15 December 2008, [REDACTED] called DPMO to report that he had recently travelled to the Laos-Vietnam border area where he met a Vietnamese man (NFI) who claimed to have American remains and ID media. The man said he had to be careful about who knew he had this information because he didn't want to be "crucified" by the Vietnamese government. At one point he was supposedly approached by Vietnamese authorities who heard he had remains, and he was obligated to give some to them or be killed. The man gave [REDACTED] photocopies of ID data allegedly taken from Geneva Conventions cards. [REDACTED] said the copies he had were difficult to read, so what he could provide was incomplete:

BURD, DOUGLAS

ROBERT MACK BROWN
MAJOR, O4 AF 25677189

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[REDACTED]
BRANCH OGF SERVICE U.S. ARMY
IF FOUND DROP IN NEAREST

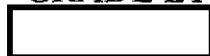
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POLSTER, HARMON
INDEFINITE

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ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES
GENEVA CONVENTION IDENTIFICATION CARD
HOWELL CARTER A.

GRADE LT 02 AF 34648277



U.S. ARMY

ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES
AUSTIN JOSEPH CLAIR
GENEVA CONVENTION IDENTIFICATION CARD

GRADE COL 05 AF

BRANCH OF SERVICE U.S. ARMY

SERVICE NUMBER AF 28763551

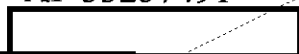



PETRN POST AGE DO FROM 523 1949 (*on sides of card*)


CARLOOK RALPH LAURENCE

GRADE MAJOR O4 AF

AF 33257491



 said he was told that the remains of this individual had been returned, but his contacts claim to still have "60% or more."

2. Analyst informed  that these ID cards are counterfeit and have been seen in many previous similar, bogus reports. Analyst noted several errors on counterfeits such as the word "of" in "Branch Ogf Service" being misspelled and the Branch of Service always designated as U.S. Army, even though the individual is actually from another service (U.S. Air Force, in the cases of Brown, Howell, and Austin above). Also, in the above report, "Carlook" should be Carlock, and the Service Numbers are incorrect. Analyst explained that clear copies of the cards would show other errors. Below are copies of these same cards used in a 2004 report (*See Analyst MFR dated 28 January 2004*):

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ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES	
GENEVA CONVENTIONS IDENTIFICATION CARD	
NOT A PASS	
This card is issued in accordance with the provisions of the Geneva Conventions of August 12, 1949. (Not to be used for identification.)	
LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME AUSTIN JOSEPH OLAT	
GRADE COL-0-5 AF	BRANCH OF SERVICE UNITED STATES ARMY
SERVICE NUMBER AF 28763551	DATE [REDACTED]
IF FOUND, DROP IN NEAREST U.S. MAIL BOX	

★ SPO 1 1998 0-786 278

ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES	
GENEVA CONVENTIONS IDENTIFICATION CARD	
NOT A PASS	
This card is issued in accordance with the provisions of the Geneva Conventions of August 12, 1949. (Not to be used for identification.)	
LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME HOWELL CARTER A	
GRADE LT-0-2 AF	BRANCH OF SERVICE UNITED STATES ARMY
SERVICE NUMBER AF 34648277	DATE [REDACTED]
IF FOUND, DROP IN NEAREST U.S. MAIL BOX	

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3. [REDACTED] thanked Analyst and said he would try to send a copy of the information he has to DPMO. (Note: As of this date, Analyst has not received any further information.)

Recommended Action(s): Tech - Create Source File.
DPMO-L – for JPAC/J2

Distro: Chrono, DM, LC, RA, RA-SEA, Millner, Tech, DPMO-L,
Burd (1474), Howell (1800), McCain (Analyst),
Polster (1467), Rosenau (Analyst), Austin (0626), Jackson (Analyst),
Brown (1945), Cima (Analyst)

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